Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—I do not quite follow the answer. This was created for Mr. Damodara Menon.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That is an interpretation which the Hon'ble Member puts upon it and with which the Government do not agree.

Publication of eulogistic notes on the retirement of distinguished Heads of Departments.

235. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) what is its policy with regard to the publication of eulogistic notes on the retirement of distinguished Heads of Departments and other officials from the services of the State;

(2) in how many cases have such notes been published during the last ten years and which are those cases;

(3) have they published such a note in the case of Mr. P. Damodara Menon who for some time acted as Diwan and who lately retired after putting in a long period of meritorious and distinguished service; if they have not, why not ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) There is no question of policy involved in the publication of such notes.

(2) The following are some of the cases during the last 10 years in which such notes were issued :—

1. Mr. K. Shangu Warrior, Comptroller of Accounts.
2. ,, C. V. Subrahmanya Ayyar, Headmaster, High School, Kunnamkulam.
3. ,, H. W. M. Brown, Commissioner of Police.
4. Dr. C. Ramunni Menon, Civil Surgeon.
5. Mr. F. S. Davies, Director of Education.
6. Mr. P. Narayana Menon, Puisne Judge, Chief Court.

(3) No. No special reasons.

Mr. C.J. Mathew.—With regard to (2), it seems, in the case of Mr. C. V. Subramania Ayyar, who was only a Headmaster, a note was published, but in the case of Messrs. Damodara Menon, Vengu Ayyar and others, who have recently retired and who were Heads of Departments, no note is seen published. And to sub-division (3), the answer given is 'No. No special reasons'. So, am I to take it that there is no policy in the publication of the note or to deny publication, or is there any principle for publishing or not publishing ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no special policy.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Is it left to the whims and fancies of the Government to publish or not to publish, or is it guided by any principle ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no definite policy or definite principle underlying.

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Mr. C. J. Mathew.—So that, am I to take it that it is left to the whims and fancies of the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is for the Hon'ble Member to interpret. You may infer in any way you like.

President.—Take the answer for what it is worth.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—May I know what are the considerations under which you direct the publication in certain cases and you deny publication in another case ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—For the information of the House I may state that no eulogistic notes were published in the case of Messrs. Vengu Ayyar, Kelar Tirupad and K. Govinda Menon. In neither of these cases were any eulogistic notes published.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Now I ask you what are the considerations to publish in certain cases and deny publication in other cases. No eulogistic notes were published in the case of Messrs. Damodara Menon, Vengu Ayyar, K. Govinda Menon, all who had retired recently and who were all Departmental Heads. There is no particular feeling for Mr. Damodara Menon. I want to bring to the notice of the Government that men who have served the State for more than 30 years and who have retired as Heads of Departments have not been given any note on their retirement. There must be certain considerations which must guide the Government to publish or not to publish. May I know which those considerations are ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Nothing more can I add. There is no settled policy, there is no settled principle. Nothing more can I add.

Irrigation allotments.

236. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to mention:—

(a) the amount budgetted annually for the last 10 years for irrigation purposes;

(b) the amount actually spent annually in the period referred to;

(c) the amount lapsed annually during the aforesaid period?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— Vide statement annexed. (*Appendix VII.*)

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know what is the difficulty to work out the lapses ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Transfers made are distributed over a large amount of works and in some instances there may not be any lapses at all but only savings. To take for the last ten years it is almost impossible.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Have the Government taken any steps to avoid these lapses ?

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